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REFERENCE TO: OLD HEAD MISSION G-188

SOVIET NAVAL SHIPS HAVANA PORT, CUBA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

A KRESTA-I-CLASS GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER (CLGM)
AND THE LENINGRAD-CLASS TANKER LEIPAYA, UNITS
OF A NEW SOVIET NAVAL TASK GROUP VISITING THE
CARIBBEAN, WERE OBSERVED IN HAVANA HARBOR.

2. LOCATION:

LA HABANA PORT FACILITIES ARE
ON THE NORTHERN COAST OF CUBA AT 23-07N 082-20W.

3. COLLATERAL:

ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON NEWSPAPER, THE

EVENING STAR, ON 6 FEBRUARY 1971, A LIGHT

CRUISER, A SUBMARINE TENDER, AND A TANKER WERE

REPORTEDLY EN ROUTE TO CUBA "ON BUSINESS". IN

ADDITION, A TASS NEWS TRANSMISSION (FBIS DAILY

REPORT ON 11 FEBRUARY 1971) STATED, "SOVIET

NAVAL SHIPS, ON A PRACTICE CRUISE IN THE CENTRAL

ATLANTIC, CALLED AT HAVANA PORT ON FEBRUARY 10

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ARRANGEMENT". THE KRESTA-I

(CLGM) AND THE TANKER LEIPAYA ENTERED HAVANA HARBOR ON 10 FEBRUARY 1971 AT 1530Z. (U.S. NAVAL

MESSAGE).

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